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**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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By Kathleen L. Boekley  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time for responding to the Final Office Action mailed on December 31, 2003. The extension of time has been determined based on a priority response filed via facsimile on February 27, 2004. Specifically, the response was faxed twice on February 27, 2003 because some of the pages did not transmit with the first submission that day. A copy of the fax cover sheets and both transmission reports for February 27, 2003 are attached. The Examiner did not receive a copy of our faxed response and requested resubmission. We complied by refaxing the response on April 30, 2004. However, because we originally submitted the response within the priority period and because we have not

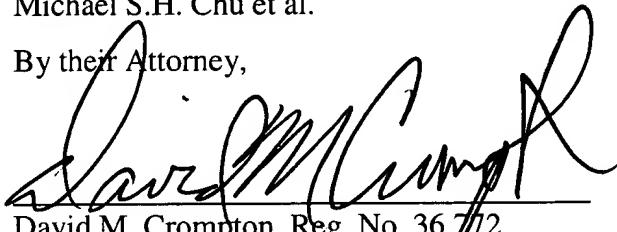
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received an advisory action to date, the extension of time is for one month, with the response period extended to expire on June 30, 2004. Fees in the amount of \$110 are attached hereto. If these fees are deemed insufficient, please charge the deficiency to Deposit Account 50-0413.

Respectfully submitted,

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